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DITTANY of CRETE.

NAMES.

A. بقلة الغزال

G. Δικταμον.

L. Dictamus Creticus.

I. Dittamo.

G. Diptam.

F. Dictam.

S. Ditamo.

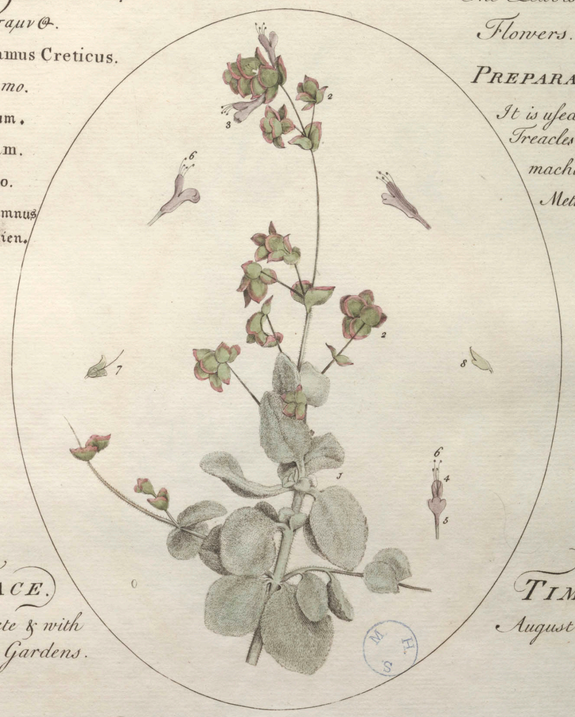
D. Dictamnus Aan Candien.

PARTS USED.

The Leaves and Flowers.

PREPARATIONS.

It is used in the Treacles of Andromachus and Methridate.



PLACE.

In Crete & with us in Gardens.

TIME.

August.

DESCRIPTION.

This Plant rises but few Inches above Ground. The Root is Woody and fibrous. The Stalks are many and woody, which are cover'd with Cotton, as are the Leaves 1, which grow by pairs Crosways and cover'd so thick that the Green is hid, and the Leaves look of a very light Grey colour, inclining but little to green. On the tops of the Stalks which branch out at the Joints are heads of Scaly leaves 2, that grow by pairs Crosways, those Leaves are Smooth of a Green at the bottoms, and of a brownish Crimson at the Tops. out of these Grow singly Bright purple Flowers 3, whose upper part 4, is Whole, the lower 5, is divided at the End into three Parts, it has Four white Chives 6, with black Summits and white Farina. a Bright purple Style 7. Stands on four Naked Seeds at the Bottom of a Cup 8, that is divided in to an upper and lower part.

VIRTUES.

This Plant is accounted Alexipharmic good against Contagious Distempers and to Accelerate the Birth &c.

T. Sheldrake delin. C.H. Hemerich Sculp.